East Zone Board Meeting – December 8th

Attendees: Jennifer Hatt, Anna Montgomery, Leah Pinette, Kayla Parvana, Kris-Ann Gutenmarkher, Laura Ehrenreich and Michal Fandel

Started with reviewing the survey results. We had 15 clubs respond (currently we have about 22 clubs in the zone)

* Based on this survey, 6 clubs are in the water
* There was interest from all of the surveys in doing the invitational with a lot of maybe given the uncertainty of when clubs will be able to get into the water
* The goal of these events is to provide opportunities for teams and athletes to have competitions to focus
* Each event will have a $12 per athlete fee to cover the time involved from the hosts and the fees to mail ribbons to all the teams

Plan for Zone Invitational Meets:

* January 23rd – Land skills invitational hosted by Cambridge Synchro for Novice, Intermediates and Age Groups
	+ 2 land skills – straight ballet leg balance and candlestick
	+ Deck work
	+ Instagram water filter videos similar to the Fina competition
* February 20th – Figures and Elements Invitational – host to be determined
	+ Novice figures – Kipnus and Prawn
	+ Intermediate figures – Barracuda and Kip
	+ 12 & Under figures – Straight ballet leg & Water drop
	+ 13-15 figures – Rio and Seagull
	+ 16 & Over – Elements 1 and 2 of the routines that the swimmer is doing
* March 20th – Routine Invitational hosted by Attleboro Y Lyonfish Synchronettes for Novice, Intermediates and Age Group athletes
	+ There will be no minimum length for the routines (given uncertainty of timing in the water)
	+ This meet will not prevent age group athletes from competing in other zone meets that might be held in the 2021 season
* General rules and plans for these invitationals
	+ Requires USA Artistic Swimming membership
		- Athlete level required for Age Group and Intermediate athletes
		- Trial athlete is ok for Novice athletes
	+ Entry and video submission will be the same entry date to minimize scratches
	+ Looking to streamline the entry and judging:
		- Laura is working on defining the judging criteria for the water filter videos and the deck work
		- Anna is working on judging scoring google sheets
		- Jen is working on how to make entries more streamlined

Other topics:

* It was determined that the donation for the East Zone will go to the national team athletes so that it benefits all national team athletes
* East Zone is looking for a new treasurer. If anyone is interested, please reach out to anyone on the board, including Kris-Ann who is still supporting the zone as our treasurer.
* Highlights from the call with Zone presidents
	+ USA Artistic Swimming plans to announce the plan for trials on December 15th
	+ There is assessor training online for level 6, along with training for other levels. If you are a level 2 judge, please consider taking the training so that you can become an assessor
	+ Fina virtual event on December 18th
	+ UANA has opened registration for USA Artistic Swimming members – topics will include LTAD and Dryland training